

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended): An immunogenic composition for eliciting an immune response to a pathogenic organism which composition comprises a recombinant protein ~~[[and]]~~ conjugated to a polysaccharide component, wherein said protein comprises the toxin A repeating units (*rARU*) of *Clostridium difficile* and said polysaccharide component is ~~characteristic~~ an antigen of a pathogenic microorganism, which pathogenic microorganism is other than *C. difficile*,

wherein said composition is formulated for injection.

2. (canceled)

3. (original): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said polysaccharide component is a capsular polysaccharide or a lipopolysaccharide.

4-5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said protein is a fusion protein.

7-12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said immune response comprises a cellular immune response.

14. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said immune response comprises a humoral immune response.

15. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said immune response is protective against said pathogenic microorganism.

16-18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said polysaccharide has been isolated from said pathogenic microorganism.

20. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said pathogenic microorganism is selected from the group consisting of: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*; *Neisseria meningitidis*; *Escherichia coli*; and *Shigella*.

21-22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 20, wherein said pathogenic microorganism is *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

24. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 23, wherein said immune response is protective against *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

25. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 20, wherein said pathogenic microorganism is *Shigella*.

26. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 25, wherein said immune response is protective against *Shigella*.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 20, wherein said pathogenic microorganism is *Neisseria meningitidis*.

29. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 20, wherein said pathogenic microorganism is *Escherichia coli* K1.

30. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1, wherein said pathogenic microorganism is selected from the group consisting of: *Staphylococcus aureus*;

coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus*; *Enterococcus* species; *Enterobacter* species; *Candida* species; and *Pseudomonas* species.

31. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 30, wherein said immune response is protective with respect to *Staphylococcus aureus*; coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus*; *Enterococcus* species; *Enterobacter* species; *Candida* species; or *Pseudomonas* species.

32. (canceled)

33. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 30, wherein said pathogenic microorganism is *Staphylococcus aureus* serogroup 5 or serogroup 8.

34-35. (canceled)

36. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 1 which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

37. (original): A vaccine comprising the immunogenic composition of claim 36.

38. (original): The vaccine of claim 37, wherein said vaccine is formulated for use in humans.

39. (original): The vaccine of claim 37, wherein said vaccine is formulated for use in animals.

40-61. (canceled)

62. (previously presented): The immunogenic composition of claim 28, wherein said immune response is protective against *Neisseria meningitidis*.

63. (canceled)

64. (withdrawn): A method to elicit an immune response in a subject to a pathogenic organism which method comprises injecting a subject in need of such response with an effective amount of the immunogenic composition of claim 1.

65. (withdrawn): A method to elicit an immune response in a subject to a pathogenic organism which method comprises injecting a subject in need of such response with an effective amount of the immunogenic composition of claim 36.

66. (withdrawn): A method to elicit an immune response in a subject to a pathogenic organism which method comprises injecting a subject in need of such response with an effective amount of the vaccine of claim 37.